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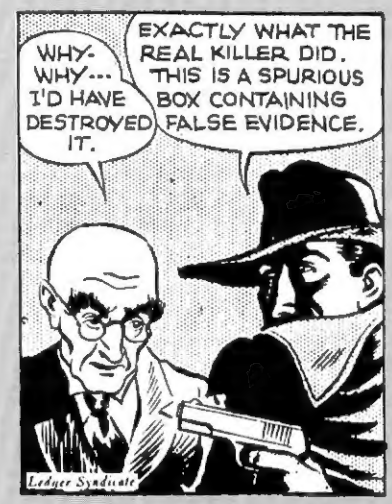
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THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

EUNICE WHILTON! WHAT DO YOU WANT ?
I'VE COME TO LEARN WHO HAS THE SEALED BOX.
AND ANY EVIDENCE THAT WILL TELL WHO KILLED MY FATHER!
EASY WITH THE GUN, KID. I'LL TALK.
SO RUFUS VOSGLE HAS THE SEALED BOX! YOU TOOK A LONG TIME TO TELL ME !
GRAB HER, NICK! SHE HAS A GAT!
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TOUGH LUCK, MISS WHILTON. NOW YOU KNOW WHY I STALLED. GET HER OUT TO THE CAR, NICK. SHE KNOWS TOO MUCH.
LARRY!
IT'S SHERRIN! GRAB HIM, TOO!
LOOK OUT! THE SHADOW!

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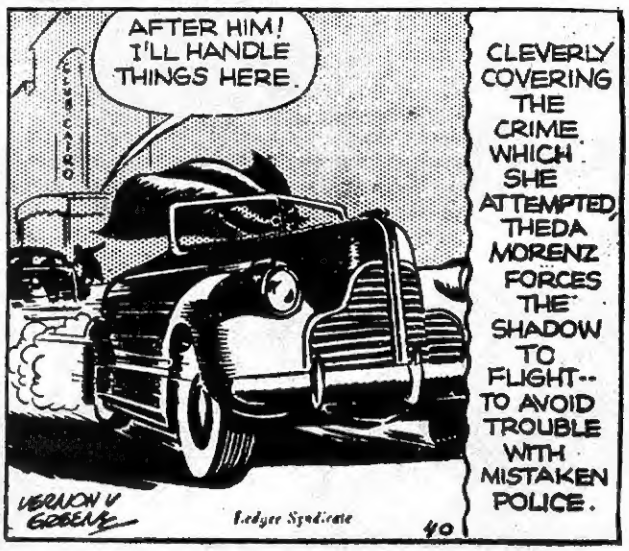
AFTER HIM! I'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE.
CLEVERLY COVERING THE CRIME WHICH SHE ATTEMPTED, THEDA MORENZ FORCES THE SHADOW TO FLIGHT-- TO AVOID TROUBLE WITH MISTAKEN POLICE.
VERNON V GREENE
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BUT IT WAS THEDA MORENZ WHO TRIED TO KIDNAP US.
AND SHE JUST LEFT! THE MEN WITH HER MUST HAVE BEEN A GANG!
I KNOW WHERE THEY'VE GONE, CHIEF.
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A POLICE CAR MISTAKENLY PURSUES THE SHADOW-
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THE DEVIL'S RAVINE!
HE'S GONE INTO THE DEVIL'S RAVINE!
JAM THOSE BRAKES - OR WE'LL GO TOO!
HE'S DEAD FOR SURE.
WE'D BETTER GO DOWN AND GET THE BODY.
DID YOU HEAR THAT LAUGH?
YES - IT CAME FROM THE CLIFF.
HE GRABBED THAT TREE WHEN HE FLOPPED FROM HIS CAR!
YEAH. BUT THIS CAN'T MISS HIM.
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LOOK OUT FOR THE ROCK!
I'D HAVE GOT HIM, IF YOU HADN'T GRABBED ME-
AND MAYBE THE ROCK WOULD HAVE GOTTEN YOU.
THIS IS WHERE HE SHOVED THE ROCK FROM.
BUT HE ISN'T HERE NOW. SAY! THERE'S THAT LAUGH AGAIN, UP HIGHER.
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THERE HE GOES···
IN OUR CAR!!
POLICE
VERNON V GREENE
COME ON, LARRY, YOU'LL HEAR RUFUS VOSGLE TALK ABOUT THE SEALED BOX.
QUIZ HIM REGARDING THEDA MORENZ TOO.
MR. VOSGLE ISN'T HOME.
I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF.
I OUGHT TO GIVE IT TO CHIEF MULLEY, THEDA
HOLD IT, NICK! DRAW IN THE CREW.

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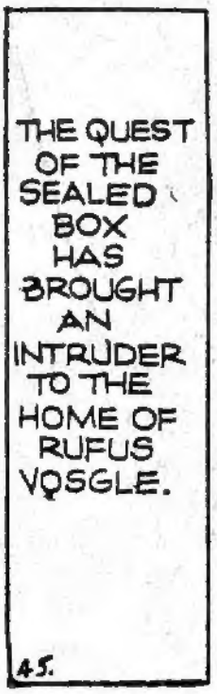

THIS BOX WAS IN YOUR SAFE, VOSGLE! IT PROVES YOU THE THIEF!
WE'LL CALL CHIEF MULLEY. LET HIM DECIDE
NEVER MIND THE CALL. I'M HERE.
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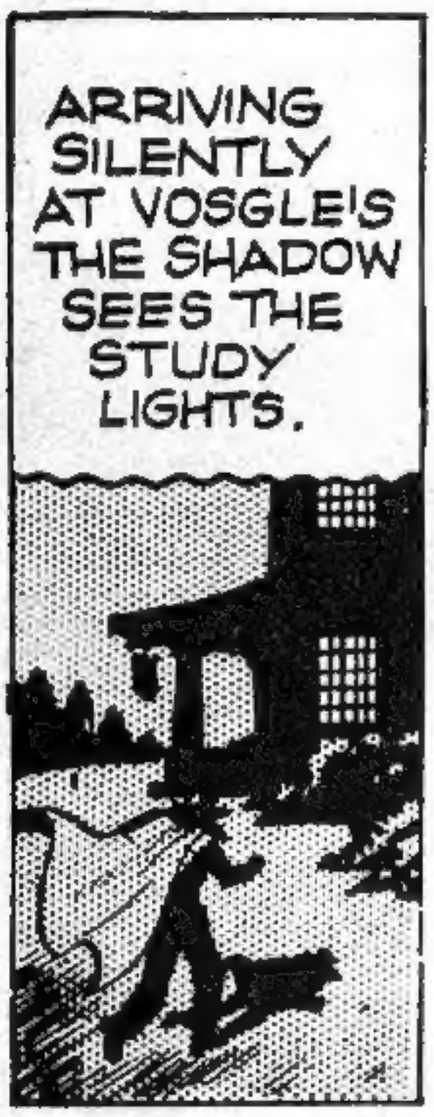

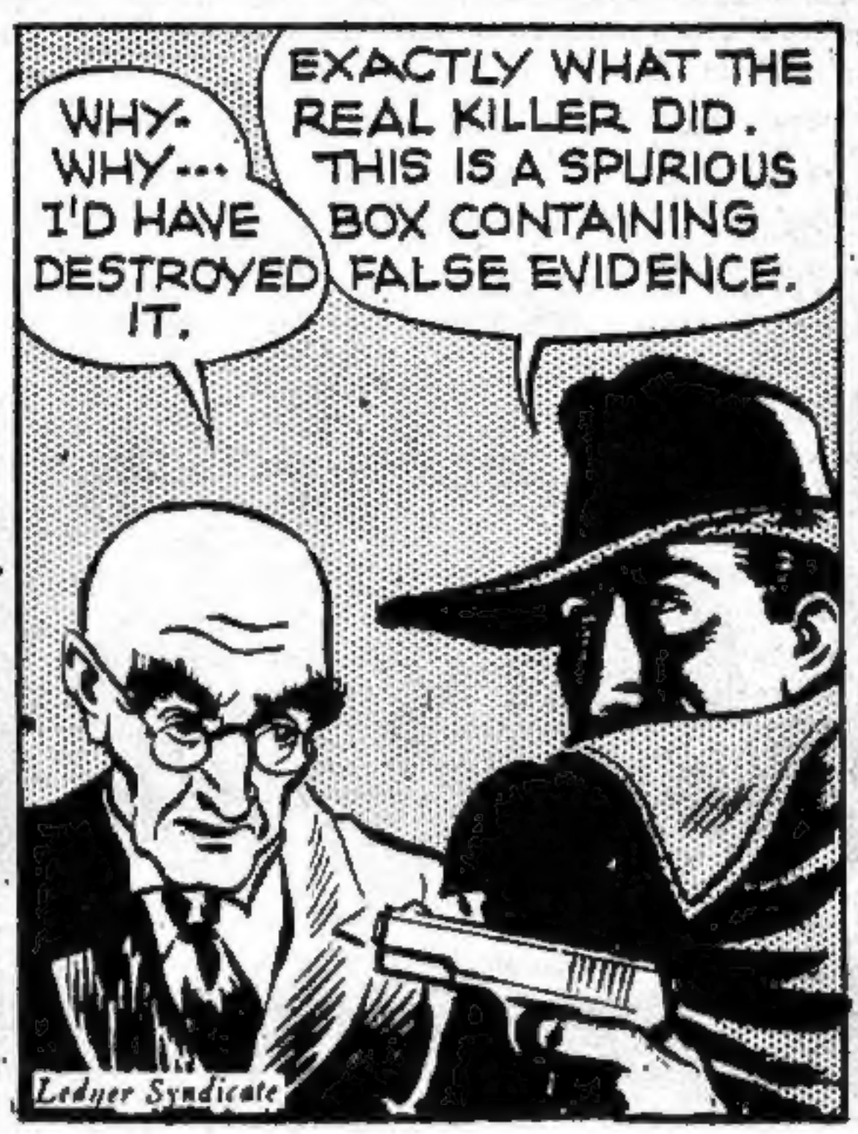
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TO GET IT!
JAMES BELVER-- FATHER'S FRIEND-- HIS MURDERER--
LOOK OUT! THEDA MORENZ WITH A MOB-
THE SHADOW! WE'VE GOT HIM, NICK!
USING THE SAFE DOOR AS A SHIELD---
THE SHADOW HAS CRIPPLED THEM! PILE IN, MEN!
LOOK OUT FOR BELVER!
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THE SHADOW SLAMS IT !!
I KNEW THE NOTE WAS FROM YOU, VOSGLE.
I HAD TO BE ANONYMOUS, SO NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT I RELEASED YOU.
I CONFESS-- I KILLED RICHARD WHILTON-
LOOK, LARRY, THE SHADOW!
THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX SOLVED, THE SHADOW DEPARTS UPON A NEW ADVENTURE!!!
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THE SHADOW IN HIS SANCTUM
TEST WILL TAKE PLACE IN ONE HOUR.
REPORT RECEIVED
AT THE MEADOWS PLANE FACTORY
BUT THE FLYING WASP WAS TO BE TESTED TOMORROW.
CRAIG NORTH, THE INVENTOR, FINISHED HIS WORK TODAY.
A-1
NORTH, THIS IS HOMER FELK.
IF THE WASP PROVES ITSELF, I'LL BACK IT WITH A QUARTER MILLION.
I'LL HAVE TO HURRY. IT'S ALMOST DARK
NOBODY GAVE ME THE NOTE, MR. NORTH I FOUND IT UNDER THE DOOR
NEVER MIND IT IS UNIMPORTANT
KEEP OUT
HERE COMES THE FLYING WASP!
AT LAST! I WONDER WHY NORTH TOOK SO LONG!
MEADOWS AIRPLANE FACTORY 2 MILES
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AN AMAZING TAKE-OFF!
MOST AMAZING, FELK, CONSIDERING THAT NORTH CONTROLS THE FLYING WASP WITH A ROBOT DEVICE.
SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG!
JAMMED CONTROLS! HE'S SURE TO CRASH!

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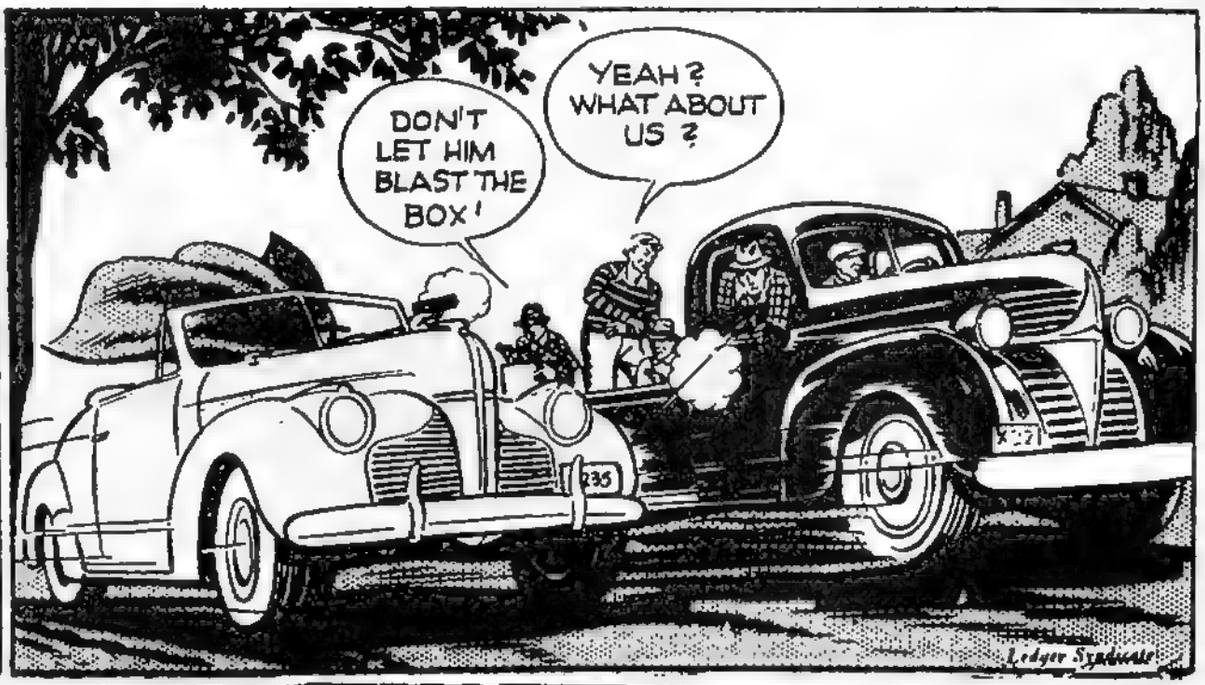
FLEEING WITH THE BOX THEY STOLE FROM THE HANGAR, AFTER THE CRASH OF CRAIG NORTH'S "FLYING WASP" CROOKS ARE PURSUED BY THE SHADOW



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HIS HAT AND CLOAK - PROPPED ON THE WHEEL - BUT WHERE'S THE SHADOW ?....
RIGHT HERE, CROAKER I'LL TAKE THOSE -
GRAB THEM BOTH BEFORE THEY GET AWAY!
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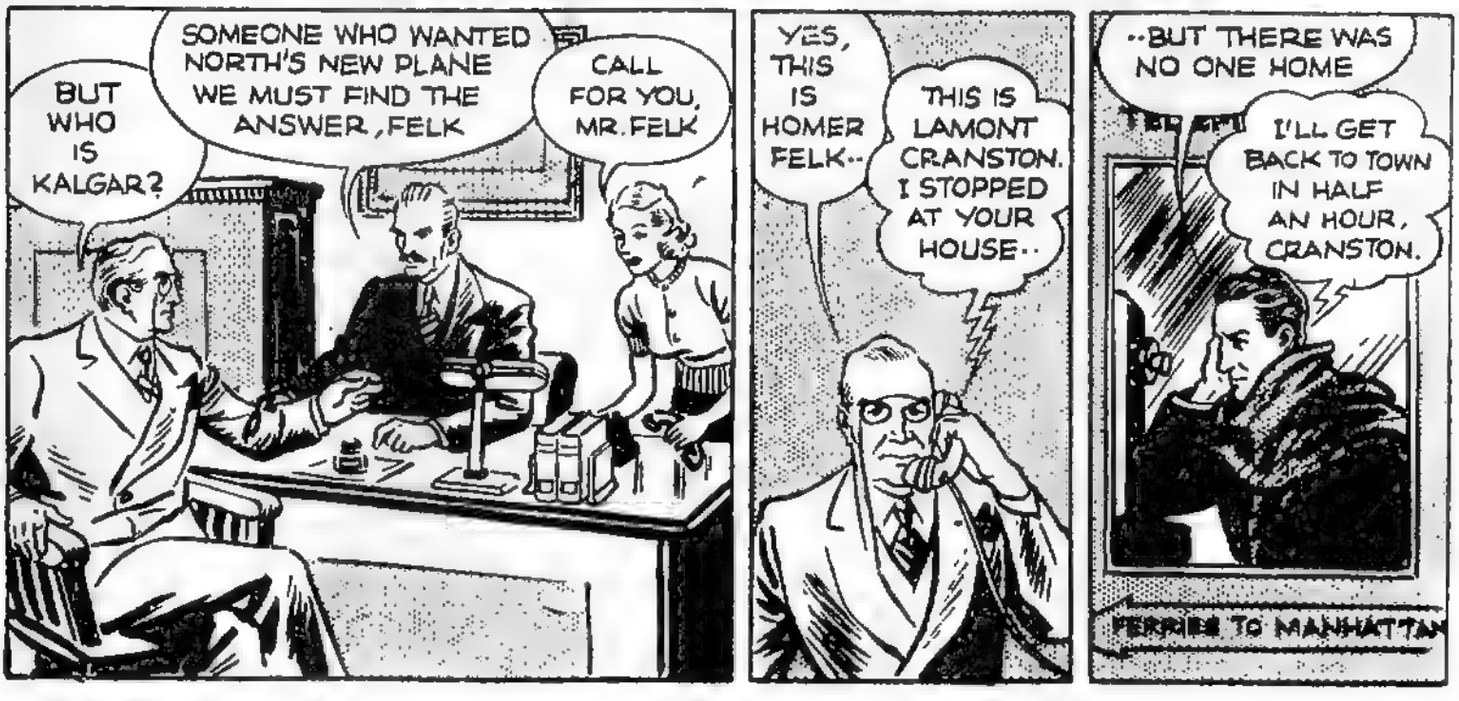
WE GOT THIS FELLOW WHEN HE SHOT AND TRIED TO RUN. BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER IN BLACK..
WE FOUND THIS NOTE IN NORTH'S HANGAR, MR. LEWIS.
READ THIS, FELK. WE'LL DISCUSS IT IN MY OFFICE.
Craig North Postpone your test of the Flying Wasp indefinitely, or take the consequences...
KALGAR.
A-4.


BUT WHO IS KALGAR?
SOMEONE WHO WANTED NORTH'S NEW PLANE WE MUST FIND THE ANSWER, FELK
CALL FOR YOU, MR. FELK
YES, THIS IS HOMER FELK..
THIS IS LAMONT CRANSTON. I STOPPED AT YOUR HOUSE..
..BUT THERE WAS NO ONE HOME
I'LL GET BACK TO TOWN IN HALF AN HOUR, CRANSTON.
FERRIES TO MANHATTAN

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LATER··· FELK'S HOME IN NEW YORK.
NORTH IS DEAD, HIS INVENTION LOST PROFESSOR GARTH WANTS FUNDS TO DEVELOP HIS "SLEEP GAS", ALSO AN IMPORTANT DEVICE.
A LADY TO SEE YOU, MR. FELK.
Ledger Syndicate
MURIEL GARTH!
MY UNCLE IS IN DANGER I FOUND THIS NOTE
A-5
Prof. Garth. You have 24 hours to deliver the formula for your new gas This warning is final KALGAR

I HAVE NO IDEA WHO KALGAR IS I FOUND THE NOTE TODAY
WE'LL DISCUSS THIS CALMLY, THEN CALL THE POLICE ···SORRY YOU HAVE TO LEAVE, CRANSTON.
RIDING AROUND THE BLOCK, CRANSTON BECOMES THE SHADOW··
DROP ME NEAR FELK'S, SHREVY, THEN PULL UP IN FRONT
O.K., CHIEF, O.K

ASK PROFESSOR GARTH TO COME HERE, MURIEL.
THAT'S THE DOLL··
LOOK! THE SHADOW!
A-6 Ledger Syndicate
THE SHADOW IS WATCHING THE DAME I'LL GET HIM, WHILE YOU GRAB HER

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OUTSIDE FELK'S RESIDENCE CROOKS, SEEKING TO CAPTURE MURIEL GARTH HAVE ASSIGNED ONE OF THEIR GROUP TO HANDLE THE SHADOW···

THERE'S THE SHOT! GRAB THE DAME··

HOLD IT! THE SHADOW'S LOOSE··WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM FIRST···

A-7.

INTO THE CAB - QUICKLY··

LOOK OUT! THOSE MEN IN THAT CAR!

VERNON U. GREENE

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SPRINGING FOR SHELTER··

YANK THAT WHEEL STRAIGHT!

I CAN'T!

···THE SHADOW WRECKS THE MOB-MANNED CAR!!!

HE'S BLASTED THE TIRES!!

SH!

CRASH!

A-8.

HEADQUARTERS? HOMER FELK AGAIN·· PATROL CARS ON THEIR WAY? GOOD··· SHOOTING HAS STARTED OUTSIDE.

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HERE'S YOUR SHOT-GUN, MR. FELK.
FOLLOW THAT CAB! THE MAN IN BLACK! HE'S ABDUCTING MURIEL GARTH!
POLICE
BUT THE POLICE ARE AFTER US!
WE SHALL SOON LOSE THEM. MEANWHILE, TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT KALGAR.
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VERNON V. GREENE
BUT MY UNCLE MIGHT KNOW WHO KALGAR IS
WE'RE IN THE CLEAR, CHIEF
GOOD.. DRIVE TO PROFESSOR GARTH'S LABORATORY
WAIT! THE RIVERDALE APARTMENTS! A PROMOTER NAMED LOUIS CORVIN LIVES THERE. HE KNOWS MY UNCLE..
AND CORVIN MIGHT BE KALGAR. WE'LL STOP.
Ledger Syndicate
THIS IS CORVIN'S APART-MENT...
WAIT FIFTEEN SECONDS. THEN RING THE BELL.
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A-9
FIFTEEN -- WHY-WHY -- THE SHADOW IS GONE!!
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BY A QUICK TRIP ALONG A NARROW LEDGE, THE SHADOW SEES CORVIN ADMIT MURIEL.
GOOD EVENING, MISS GARTH: THIS IS A REAL SURPRISE!

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WHILE MIRIAM GARTH CHATS WITH LOUIS CORVIN, THE SHADOW FOLLOWS THE LEDGE FURTHER, AND ENTERS THROUGH A BED-ROOM WINDOW...
THEN YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT MY UNCLE'S INVENTION--
VERY LITTLE. I'LL SHOW YOU MY LETTERS FROM PROFESSOR GARTH.
A-10
THE SHADOW! THIS WILL FINISH HIM!!
DON'T SHOOT!
THE SHADOW ESCAPES THE POINT-BLANK SHOT!
--AND PURSUES CORVIN TO THE ELEVATOR
SLAM!
ELEVATOR
SO CORVIN FIRED AT THE MIRROR! YOU OPENED THE DOOR TO MISLEAD HIM!
EXACTLY. COME, WE MUST REACH YOUR UNCLE AT ONCE.
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PROFESSOR GARTH'S LABORATORY
THOSE BOXES OF OLD EQUIPMENT? BRING YOUR TRUCK TO THE REAR ALLEY. MY ASSISTANT, WADE, WILL MEET YOU.
THE BOXES ARE UP IN THE STORE ROOM. I'LL HELP YOU WITH THEM
YOU'D BETTER. YOU'VE KEPT US WAITING LONG ENOUGH
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YES, MISS GARTH, THE PROFESSOR IS UP IN THE LAB..
A-11
IT'S ALL RIGHT. WADE WAS OUT BACK.
GOOD. WE'LL GO UP TO THE LAB.
GO BACK TO THE CAB. I'M GOING TO TAKE A TRIP ON THAT TRUCK. HAVE MOE FOLLOW.
BUT WHAT ABOUT MY UNCLE?
DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR!
LABORA
THE SHADOW'S HAND IS TOO LATE.
A-12.
PROFESSOR GARTH'S LAB DISAPPEARS IN A MIGHTY BLAST — THE SHADOW AND MURIEL WITH IT!!

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AMID THE EXPLOSION THE SHADOW PULLS MURIEL GARTH INTO THE DOORWAY OF THE SHATTERED LABORATORY.
A-13.
WE'RE SAFE HERE DON'T MOVE UNTIL THEY REMOVE THE DEBRIS ABOVE.
MY NAME IS WADE. I'M PROF. GARTH'S ASSISTANT. HE MUST HAVE BEEN KILLED --
LISTEN!
HELLO-- ABOVE--
A VOICE, LIKE A GHOST'S!
GET THE AXES!
THE SHADOW!
Ledger Syndicate
KALGAR?... THIS IS WADE. THE SHADOW WAS IN THE BLAST....
BUT HE'S ALIVE. THEY'LL HAVE HIM FREE IN TEN MINUTES!
STAND BY! OTHERS WILL HANDLE IT.
A GIRL-- SHE'S FAINTED.
IT'S MURIEL GARTH!

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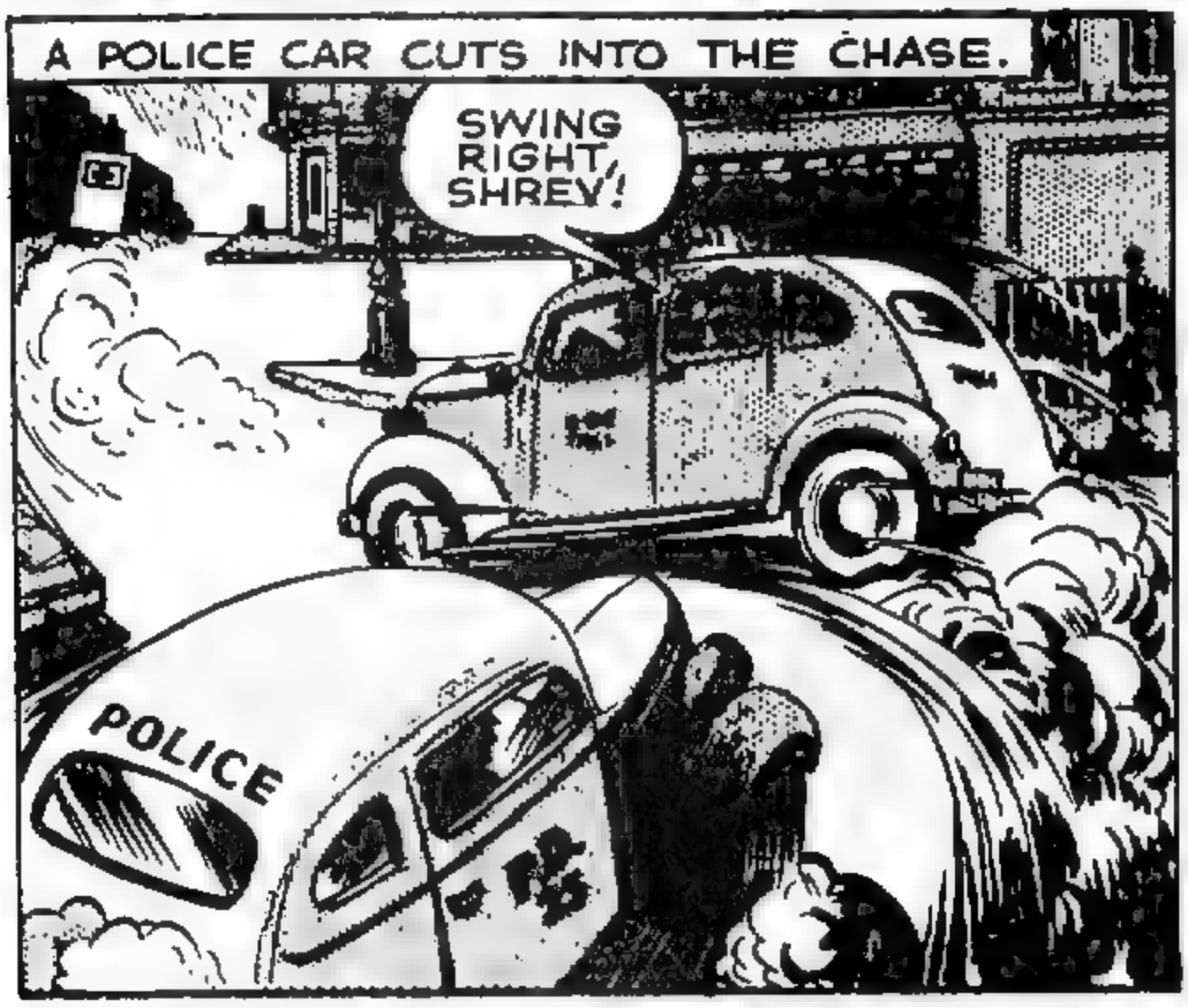

IF THAT POLICE CAR HAD ONLY GONE AFTER THE AMBULANCE INSTEAD OF US!
THE MISTAKE WAS NATURAL. BUT WE SHALL MEET KALGAR'S MEN AGAIN.
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YES -- I SHIPPED PROF. GARTH AWAY IN A PACKING BOX --
AND SET A BOMB TO EXPLODE HIS LAB. NOW, TELL ME --
-- WHO IS KALGAR?
LOUIS CORVIN!
ONE MOVE MEANS DEATH FOR BOTH OF YOU.
I'M NOT KALGAR. I WANTED TO BUY PROF. GARTH'S "SLEEP GAS". YOU CAN'T REACH ME, SHADOW --
BUT WADE CAN, CORVIN!
LOADED WITH GARTH'S SLEEP GAS! THE SHADOW IS OUT, AND I'VE KILLED WADE! I'LL FINISH YOU, TOO, SHADOW!

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ABOUT TO KILL THE SHADOW, LOUIS CORVIN HALTS --
THE TELEPHONE!
HELLO....
HELLO, SHADOW! THIS IS KALGAR... SO YOU KILLED WADE? HEH--HEH! YOUR TURN IS NEXT!
I'LL NEED EVERY BULLET...
AND I CAN USE THESE, TOO! IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!
THE SHADOW!
IT'S LOUIS CORVIN! HE WAS THE SHADOW!
BUT HE CROAKED WADE FIRST!

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WHO'S THIS GUY?
HE'S THAT RITZY BIRD, LAMONT CRANSTON. WADE MUST HAVE DOSED HIM WITH SOME SLEEP GAS.
TAKE CRANSTON TO KALGAR'S CASTLE. I'LL BRING THESE AS SOUVENIRS, AFTER I SET FIRE TO THE JOINT.
HAVING MISTAKEN CORVIN FOR THE SHADOW, CROOKS ARE TAKING CRANSTON, THE REAL SHADOW, TO KALGAR'S OWN HEAD-QUARTERS !!!
CROOKS HAVE FIRED WADE'S LABORATORY, AS THEY DID YOUR UNCLE'S! WE MUST GO THERE--
I'LL BE READY IN A JIFFY, MR. FELK.
WE FOUND TWO BODIES BURNED TO A CRISP
ONE OF THEM MUST HAVE BEEN POOR WADE.
AND THE OTHER IS EITHER CRANSTON- OR THE SHADOW! WHICH?
MIRIAM DOES NOT REALIZE THAT THE SHADOW AND LAMONT CRANSTON ARE ONE... NOR DO KALGAR'S MEN AS THEY REACH THE CASTLE!
PUT THAT GUY CRANSTON IN THE TURRET ROOM.
RIGHT! HE'D HAVE TO BE THE SHADOW TO GET OUT OF THERE!

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THE SHADOW AWAKES IN THE TURRET ROOM--
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THIS ONE IS LOOSE! BUT THE SPACE IS STILL TOO NARROW--
-AND BESIDES-- WHAT A DROP!
HERE COMES A GUARD--
THAT SETTLES HIM--
AND NOW FOR THE KEYS!
HELLO, KALGAR.. THIS IS RICK AT HQ... YES, NORTH AND GARTH ARE BOTH AT WORK... WE GRABBED CRANSTON--
-AND LOCKED HIM UP ... YES, CORVIN WAS THE SHADOW.... WE'VE GOT HIS CLOAK AND HAT HERE...
KALGAR WANTS YOU TO STAY ON DUTY, KLUG

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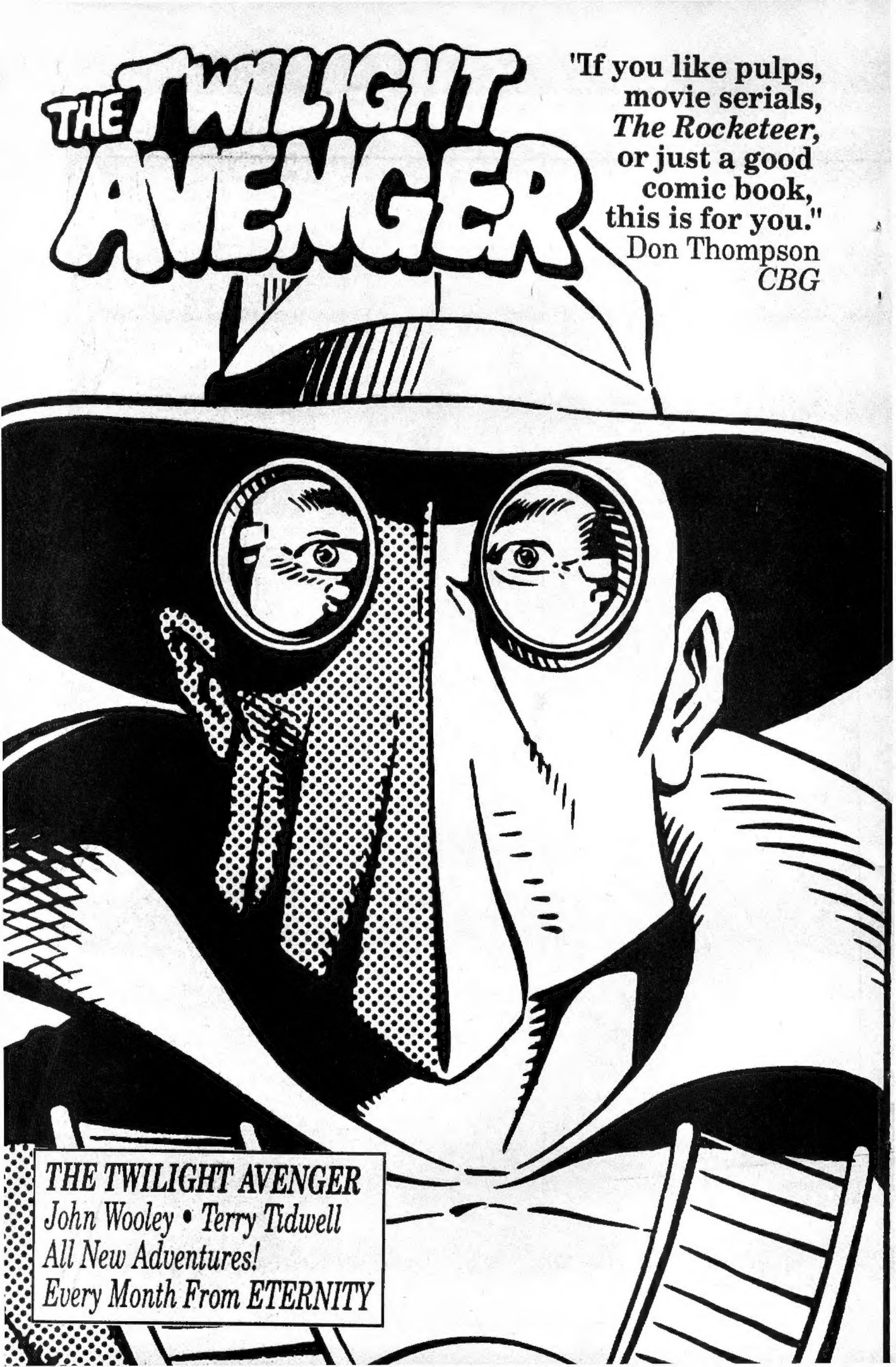
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